



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 9, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Precipitation received early in the week limited fieldwork in several localities, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Received moisture and cooler days in some eastern counties continues to improve moisture supplies and help pasture and fall planted crop conditions. Several areas still need moisture to improve long-term outlooks. Barley planting was delayed slightly in the San Luis Valley with heavy snow received early in the week. As of April 10th, snowpack in Colorado was at 107 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 127 and 117 percent, respectively. Stored feed supplies were rated 4 percent short, 86 percent adequate, 10 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 31 percent average and 69 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 73 percent average, 26 percent light.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity                        | Current week<br>(percent) | Previous week<br>(percent) | Previous year<br>(percent) | 5-year average<br>(percent) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Barley                           |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Planted .....                    | 11                        | 9                          | 13                         | 23                          |
| Onions                           |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Planted .....                    | 15                        | 9                          | 32                         | 34                          |
| Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Planted .....                    | 10                        | 3                          | 13                         | 16                          |
| Spring wheat                     |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Planted .....                    | 11                        | 10                         | 9                          | 18                          |
| Sugarbeets                       |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Planted .....                    | 7                         | 5                          | 11                         | 11                          |
| Winter wheat                     |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Pastured.....                    | 14                        | 13                         | 7                          | 8                           |
| Jointed.....                     | 6                         | 2                          | 16                         | 10                          |
| Cows calved .....                | 69                        | 60                         | 73                         | 74                          |
| Ewes lambd .....                 | 44                        | 39                         | 51                         | 52                          |

NA – not available

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### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| Commodity                         | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Days suitable for fieldwork ..... | 4.6          | 3.6           | 6.1           | 5.8            |
| Topsoil moisture                  | (percent)    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| Very short.....                   | 4            | 5             | 10            | 12             |
| Short .....                       | 17           | 19            | 24            | 29             |
| Adequate .....                    | 75           | 72            | 62            | 58             |
| Surplus .....                     | 4            | 4             | 4             | 1              |
| Subsoil moisture                  |              |               |               |                |
| Very short.....                   | 8            | 8             | 9             | 19             |
| Short .....                       | 28           | 29            | 24            | 36             |
| Adequate .....                    | 63           | 62            | 64            | 44             |
| Surplus .....                     | 1            | 1             | 3             | 1              |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

## CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

|                          | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
|                          | (percent)    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| <b>Livestock</b>         |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor .....          | --           | --            | --            | 1              |
| Poor.....                | 3            | 3             | 1             | 4              |
| Fair.....                | 17           | 18            | 13            | 25             |
| Good .....               | 71           | 70            | 76            | 64             |
| Excellent .....          | 9            | 9             | 10            | 6              |
| <b>Pasture and Range</b> |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor .....          | 2            | 2             | 13            | 18             |
| Poor.....                | 26           | 27            | 12            | 25             |
| Fair.....                | 36           | 32            | 35            | 33             |
| Good .....               | 32           | 35            | 36            | 23             |
| Excellent .....          | 4            | 4             | 4             | 1              |
| <b>Winter Wheat</b>      |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor .....          | 5            | 5             | 3             | 11             |
| Poor.....                | 18           | 21            | 13            | 14             |
| Fair.....                | 35           | 35            | 31            | 35             |
| Good .....               | 34           | 32            | 47            | 36             |
| Excellent .....          | 8            | 7             | 6             | 4              |

NA – not available

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